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REF: (A) LISBON 6532, (B) LISBON 5866, (C) COLE/MARIN TELECON
9/2/77, (D) STATE 210042

1. STATE SECRETARY CELESTE HAS AGREED TO PROPOSED DATES, OCTOBER 13 AND 14, FOR HIS U.S. VISIT AND TO TENTATIVE SCHEDULE SUGGESTED REF (C), I.E., ON OCTOBER 13 PRIVATE MEETING WITH DEPUTY STR FOLLOWED BY WORKING GROUP ON GSP, TO INCLUDE PORTUGUESE EXPORTERS WHO WILL ACCOMPANY CELESTE, AND ON OCTOBER 14 BRIEF CALL ON UNDERSECRETARY, USDOC, FOLLOWED BY POSSIBLE VISIT WITH DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY IN EB BUREAU. CELESTE ALSO AGREED TO EMBASSY'S SUGGESTION OF VISIT TO U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

2. ONE OR TWO COMMERCE MINISTRY OFFICERS MAY ACCOMPANY STATE SECRETARY TO U.S., IN ADDITION TO SELECT GROUP OF PORTUGUESE EXPORTERS. LATTER ARE TO BE INVITED TO JOIN CELESTE PARTY ON BASIS OF POTENTIAL FOR INCREASING U.S. IMPORTS OF PRODUCTS IN THEIR SECTORS.

3. THE STATE SECRETARY PLANS TO ARRIVE WASHINGTON
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OCTOBER 12 AND RETURN LISBON OCTOBER 15, LEAVING EXPORTERS BEHIND TO PURSUE INDIVIDUAL CONTACTS WITH POTENTIAL U.S. IMPORTERS.

4. CELESTE CONFIRMED THAT PRIMARY PURPOSE OF HIS VISIT IS TO EXPLORE AVENUES FOR INCREASING PORTUGUESE EXPORTS TO U.S., INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, PRODUCTS ON GSP

LIST, AND TO REPAIR POOR IMAGE OF PORTUGAL'S EXPORT CAPABILITIES. HE ALSO SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF EXPANDING GSP LIST TO INCLUDE MORE PRODUCTS OF INTEREST TO PORTUGAL (EMBASSY HAS PROVIDED COPY OF STATE 210042 TO DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR EXTERNAL TRADE. SEE PARA 7).

5. IN CONNECTION WITH REVIEW OF PORTUGUESE EXPORT PERFORMANCE IN U.S. MARKET, STATE SECRETARY'S OFFICE HAS REQUESTED OUR ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING U.S. DATA ON IMPORTS INTO U.S. FROM PORTUGAL.

ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT AIR POUCHING MOST RECENT DATA AVAILABLE FOR ATTENTION OF ECON OFFICER RAY MARIN.

6. EMBASSY WILL ENLIST AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ASSISTANCE IN COORDINATING PROGRAM FOR EXPORTERS WHO WILL REMAIN IN U.S. AFTER CELESTE'S DEPARTURE.

7. REF (D) INDICATES THAT DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT IN WASHINGTON OF PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENT OF GSP LIST IS OCTOBER 3. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ADVICE ON CALENDAR FOR SUBSEQUENT REVIEWS.
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